

GOVERNMENT BOARDERS WEIGH IN FOR MEALS

Dr. Wiley's Experiment for
Benefit of Science.

ALL ARE FARING WELL

One Young Man Apparently Unable to
Get to "Constant"
Weight.

"Weigh in for dinner" is the announcement made to the "poison squad," who are lending their stomachs to the Government in the interests of pure food, under the direction of Dr. H. W. Wiley, of the Department of Agriculture.

Dr. Wiley intended beginning the feeding of boric acid to his boarders on Monday, but because of the fluctuation in the weight of one of his men, it may have to be postponed. Every man in the "squad" has reached what Dr. Wiley characterizes as a "constant" weight, except this one. His weight fluctuates as greatly as prices in the stock exchange on a panic day. Dr. Wiley is hopeful that today this boarder may reach the constant weight so much desired in the experiments.

Boric acid will be the first adulterant used because its deleterious effects are the more easily distinguished. The "squad" will have the regular variety of food during the boric acid tests, but after each meal each man will take a capsule containing boric acid.

"We will not mix it with the food," said Dr. Wiley, "as some of its properties might escape in cooking, and we want each man to get his full share."

No Rosy-Cheeked Waitresses.

No rosy-cheeked waitresses wearing snowy white aprons serve the boarders. Instead, a bespectacled scientist, with a delicately adjusted pair of scales, weighs out to each so many grams and ounces of meat, fish, oatmeal, and vegetables.

"Martyrs to science" some people call the "poison squad," but the official Government boarders agree that they are lucky to escape the boarding-houses. Dr. Wiley likes good living himself, and he believes in giving his squad the very best the market affords. He has many original ideas about feeding people, and the young men who are being experimented on agree that he would make a success of any boarding-house.

The "poison squad" is thriving on the food and treatment given them. Dr. Wiley and his scientists have computed that it requires sufficient nitrogen, which, if burned, would heat one degree in temperature 3,000 pounds of water, to drive the human engine and keep it

going for twenty-four hours. With this as a basis, every particle of food is carefully weighed and treated until just that quantity of nitrogen is fed to the men.

In order to get the men at a "constant" weight Dr. Wiley has found that some of his boarders need a lesser quantity of food than the others, and he has kept cutting down until the average has been determined.

"They always leave the table hungry," said Dr. Wiley, "but that does them good. Everybody, including myself, eats too much. In addition to the goal which will result to the public because of these experiments, the young men are being given excellent lessons in self-control."

Must Eat Everything.

Every man in the "squad" must eat all of everything set before him, because it has been scientifically demonstrated that it requires that much nitrogen to keep him going.

"If a man does not eat all we give him," declared Dr. Wiley, "he is ill, and I will take him out of the squad. Of course if all the men become sick I will know at once it is the food."

While science may determine just what is necessary to keep a man alive, it cannot definitely determine the additional weight members of the squad may put on because of their eating. It is the one patient that is giving Dr. Wiley all his trouble. After today's treatment Dr. Wiley hopes the recalcitrant's weight may become fixed, when he will begin feeding the capsules containing boric acid, or "bullets," as the members of the poison squad call them.

When a meal time comes around either Dr. Wiley or some other chemist is there to weigh out each man's proportion. Before sitting down to eat the boarders must strip and weigh themselves on a delicately adjusted scale. This weight is carefully noted in a big record book, together with temperature, pulse and respiration.

The "poison squad" consisting of twelve members, then divides. Six men at each table. The "squad" at the table on which experiments are being conducted, remain on pure food diet for two weeks and are then fed adulterated food and then returned to pure food, careful attention being given to their physical condition. While this "squad" is being put through the experiment the other "squad" is on the pure food diet then on an adulterant and then back to pure food. Each experiment will require six weeks.

Ten of the most expert analytical chemists in the employ of the Government are kept employed analyzing breakfast, luncheon and dinner for the "poison squad." The exact chemical properties of every dish are determined.

Menu for Today.

The week day breakfast of the "squad" consists usually of oatmeal or some cereal and a meat. One of the fastidious boarders does not care for meat for breakfast, and he is given an extra allowance of oatmeal to bring the nitrogenous quantity up to the standard. Others do not like certain vegetables and are given carefully weighed out

portions of others to make up for the difference.

The menu prepared for today by Dr. Wiley is as follows:

Breakfast.
Codfish Balls.
Boston Brown Bread.
Coffee.
Bread and Butter.
Milk.
Luncheon.
Rice Soup.
Apple Pie.
Bread and Butter.
Tea and Milk.
Dinner.
Chicken.
Celery on Toast.
Peas.
Brown Sweet Potatoes.
Bread and Butter.
Dessert.
Peaches.
Coffee.
Milk.

The members of the "poison squad" are under a solemn promise to Dr. Wiley not to deviate from the program either in the matter of food or water. The "boarders" are also required to go to bed and get up at regular hours.

"If any of the men attempted to deceive me and get food outside I would know it in a moment," declared Dr. Wiley. "If any of them do attempt it, I will discharge them from the Government service. Any man who would deceive me, knowing the importance of these experiments, would be unfit for the service, and I should dismiss him. The men entered the experiments of their own free will, and if they desire to quit they have only to say so."

"Up to the present, no man has expressed himself as dissatisfied with his treatment. The men are all in better physical condition today than when they began."

The "poison squad" will eat Christmas dinner as the guests of the Government.

"I'm going to give them a big turkey that day," said Dr. Wiley, "and perhaps they will fare better than they would in a boarding house."

The men are going about, doing their usual work, and each day are examined physically by a physician to see that they are in no way injuring their health.

MR. DRIVER'S ANNIVERSARY

AN INTERESTING EVENT

Tuesday was an important event in the history and career of George W. Driver, of 605 Pennsylvania Avenue northwest. Friends and well-wishers sought his popular establishment for the purpose of extending their hearty congratulations upon the attainment of his fortieth anniversary. It falls to the lot of but few business men in any city to have more friends than Mr. Driver, and almost every one took the time to drop around and pay him a visit and partake of the elaborate and handsome collation which was served during the afternoon and evening.

Christmas Holiday Rates Via Southern Railway.

Tickets to all points South, east of the Mississippi River, at rates of a fare and one-third for the round trip. To students and teachers in schools and colleges tickets will be sold, upon presentation of certificate from principals, superintendents, or principals of such institutions, from December 16 to 22, inclusive; final return limit January 5, 1903. To the general public tickets will be sold December 23, 24, 25, and 26, and January 1, final return limit January 3, 1903. Ticket offices, 705 Fifteenth St. N.W., and 311 Pennsylvania Ave.

SAMUEL CUVILLER, JR., CHARGED WITH LARCENY

Alexandrian Arraigned in
Police Court for Hearing.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Dec. 13.—Samuel Cuviller, Jr., was arraigned in the police court this morning before Mayor George L. Simpson to answer the charge of the larceny of the sum of \$1.50 from Osceola Tribe, Independent Order of Red Men, of which he was formerly a trustee. The case was continued until Monday next.

The funeral of Stephen J. Woolis, who died last Thursday afternoon, took place at 10 o'clock this morning from St. Mary's Catholic Church. Rev. Father H. J. Cutler officiated, and the interment was made in St. Mary's Cemetery. The following were the pallbearers: Messrs. Ernest Rammel, E. E. Lawler, George Wells, Herbert Baker, Ed Shinn, Charles B. Marshall, and George T. Catten.

The Westminster League of the Second Presbyterian Church has appointed the following committees to serve for the ensuing year: Religious—Dr. J. H. Bitzer, chairman; William Campbell, W. R. Whaley, and F. L. Slaymaker. Social—H. E. Demarest, chairman; Mrs. J. H. Bitzer, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. W. A. Moore, Jr., Mrs. C. W. Mander, Mrs. R. Lee Field, Mrs. G. B. Kennedy, Mrs. Ruth Field, Miss Mary Moore, Miss Retta Agnew, Miss Irene Gentry, Miss Sadie Field, Miss Atha Swain, Miss Asenath Graves, Miss Alma Demarest, Miss Minnie Grillbortzer, Miss Annie Nesbit, Miss Elizabeth Slaymaker, Miss Nettie Garner, Miss Cora Latham, William A. Moore, Jr., Dr. Bitzer, and William Melchior.

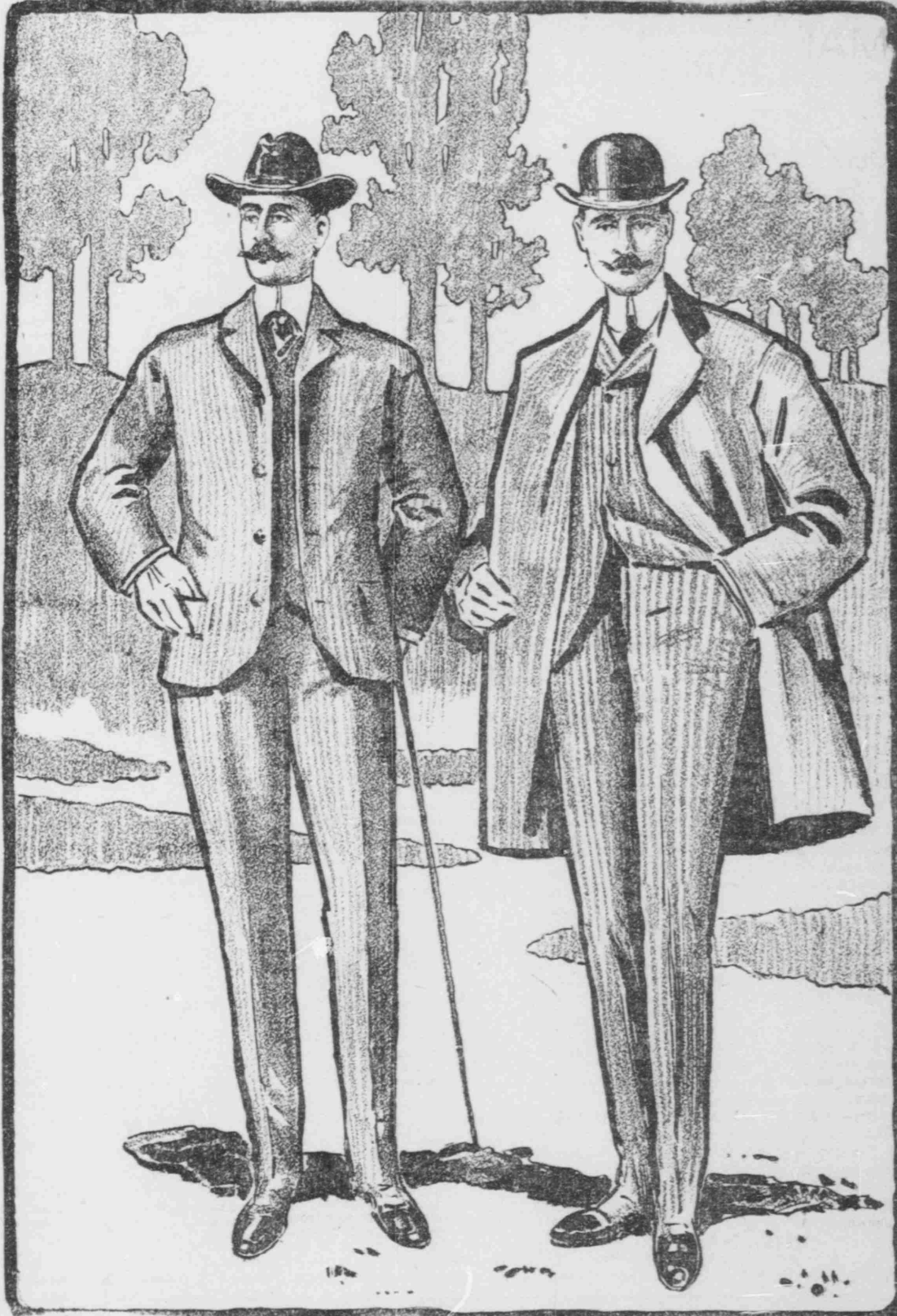
S. H. Lunt, auctioneer, today sold at public auction a house and lot on the north side of Alfred Street, between Queen and Princess Streets, to Justus Schneider for the sum of \$390. Hugh L. Strider purchased a lot on the north side of Alfred Street, between Queen and Princess Streets, for the sum of \$95.

STATISTICS CONCERNING ACREAGE OF COTTON

Mr. Scarborough (Dem., S. C.) yesterday introduced a resolution authorizing the Director of the Census to collect and publish statistics of the acreage of cotton planted each year.

This work is now done by the Bureau of Statistics of the Agricultural Department, and recently complaint has been made on the ground that the cotton statistics of the department are inaccurate.

American Beauties at Gude's.
Specimen blooms—really the finest shown in America—are at this store. 1224 F. St.



The Highest Attainment In Clothing Making.

Great successes are won through great efforts. We've carved out a great success for Parker-Bridget Clothing by making it better Clothing than any other. It's different from other Clothing, and that difference lies in its superiority.

Where else have you seen Overcoats with the grace and swing and perfect draping like ours? Where else are the little details we call style so carefully considered and so cleverly interpreted? You who can answer for the metropolitan cities of the East and West, as well as for Washington, will agree with us that Parker-Bridget Clothing stands alone in its class.

Selling Overcoats faster than ever, and the productions of many of the best reputed tailors are being displaced in at least one case out of ten. And it's not necessarily a streak of economy on the part of these men, but rather because they recognize the merit of the coats. They'd even pay the tailors' prices and give ours the preference.

Men's Overcoats, \$12 to \$50.

Men's Suits, \$10 to \$35.

Youths' Clothing, \$10 to \$20.

Cameras Given Away in the Boys' Department.

With every Boys' Suit and Overcoat costing \$5 or more, we give away an Eastman Brownie Camera. It's our CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE BOYS.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS FOR BOYS:

- Boys' Canes, 15c to \$1.00.
- Boys' Fancy Vests, \$1.75 to \$2.00
- Boys' White Vests, \$1.25 to \$2.50
- Boys' Suits, \$3.95 to \$10.00
- Boys' Overcoats, \$5.00 to \$12.00
- Boys' Tuxedo Suits, \$12 to \$18
- Boys' Mackintoshes, \$2.50, \$3.50 and \$4.50
- Boys' Suspenders, 25c and 50c
- Boys' Kid Gloves, 50c to \$1
- Boys' Golf Gloves, 25c and 50c
- Boys' Stockings, 15c and 25c
- Boys' Shirt Waists, 50c and \$1.00
- Boys' Shirts, 50c to \$1
- Boys' Underwear, 50c to \$1.50 Suit
- Boys' Neckwear, 25c and 50c
- Boys' Handkerchiefs, 3 in box, 25c
- Boys' Cuff Buttons, 50c

The boys—particularly the younger ones—will be satiated with toys. Why not give them something they can use.

Parker, Bridget & Co.,
Head-to-foot Outfitters. Ninth and the Avenue.

A Pair of Gloves.

The balance of an importation of fine French Gloves arrived this week. They are very late, and the manufacturers allowed us a liberal discount. They are fully guaranteed, and may be exchanged if you guess the wrong size.

Fine Real Arabia Mocha, 98c
\$1.50 values for.
Fine Real Suede, \$1.50 values 98c
for.
Fine French Dressed Real 98c
Kid, \$1.50 values for.
Sizes 5 1/2 to 8, the colors are black, red, brown, gray, white, mode, tan, and pearl; correct stitching and new pearl clasp or Foster hooks; choice 98c.

Men's \$1.00 Kid Gloves for... 50c
Ladies' \$1 Kid Gloves for... 50c
Ladies' All-wool, 50c Golf 25c
Gloves, for.
Men's Gray Mocha, \$1 Gloves 50c
for.
Boys' and Misses' \$1 Gloves, 75c
all styles.

A Silk Waist, \$1.98.

On center table, main aisle, are 500 pieces of new waist silk; black and all colors; plain and fancy; each piece contains 3 1/2 to 4 yards; they are worth up to \$5 each. Choice for Monday, \$1.98.

Ladies' Warm Vests and Pants.

1,000 dozen ladies' warm, perfect-fitting Vests and Pants, all sizes; we took all the manufacturers had and offer 25c Underwear for... 12c
Second Floor—Bargain Tables.

Black Bonnett & Cie. Taffeta.

This silk is imported for us direct from Lyons, France, and is worth \$1.25 per yard, as it is the best-wearing black rustle taffeta on earth; we guarantee it in every way. Monday for... 79c

Underwear and Wrappers.

Our reputation for good Underwear and Wrappers rests in "perfect fit" and "standard quality." Exchange after Xmas if you guess the wrong size.

Ladies' Wrappers of good quality flannellette; beautiful styles; extra wide flare bonnets; trimmed with fancy braid; \$1 values; all 63c
sizes.

Child's Union Suits, a warm fleece ribbed, perfect fit undergarment; white or gray; all sizes. 21c
Choice, for.

Choice of any \$1 Underwear, men, women, or children; union suits, ribbed vests and pants; also red wool medicated; all sizes; \$1 values, 69c
Monday, for.

DOLLS.

1,000 Dolls; they are dressed; 42c
for.
2,000 larger Dolls; they are 94c
dressed; for.
1,150 larger sized Dolls; fully 25c
dressed.
Jointed and kid body undressed, best imported German 50c
Dolls.
Very large Dolls; \$1.98 \$1.25
kind; fully dressed; for.

Extra special, a large imported German Jointed Doll; \$1.75
\$3 value.
\$7 value finest imported Doll; looks like a real baby; real hand-made; wig extra. Special for... \$4.98

Monday's Great Sale

Our efforts date back for months. Our buyers have gathered from the markets of the world

Holiday Merchandise.

This means the dainty novelty gifts, also the steady solid merchandise for useful presents. Everything is properly packed and engraved free of charge. Deliveries are prompt.

Unusually Low Prices

prevail in this immense stock; still our personal guarantee goes with each purchase, and money will be refunded if desired.

A Wool Dress Pattern

Would Make an Excellent Present.

"If you make an error in selection, exchange it after the holidays."

Dress Pattern or Suit Pattern of all-wool, Venetian, satin, soliel, cheviot, camel's hair, whipcord, etc.; black, blue, brown, gray, tan, green, or red; entire dress and lin. \$3.98
complete, for.

Voile Mistrail is swell for a Dress. We have black and all colors, the entire dress pattern lined with mercerized silk; also the findings. Worth \$19 complete. \$5.98
Monday for.

DOMESTICS.

We have prepared a center table in our domestic section of useful lengths of Outing Flannels, Gingham, Satens, etc.; 3 to 10 yards in each piece, marked 22 1-3 per cent less than usual.

Amoskeag and Lancaster best 8-cent Apron Gingham; fast colors guaranteed; hundreds of styles, 6c
for.

Last call, 10c Outings for 57c. About 2,000 yards, all we could get of these beautiful striped 10c Outings, fast colors for... 57c

Furs are just the thing.

We are showing exceptional quality; the prices are moderate. We secured our stock during the warm spell.

Children's Fur Set. A neck- 98c
piece and muff for.
Child's very handsome Fur Sets. A \$3.50 value, scarf and muff, \$1.98
for.

Ladies' Extra Long Fur Scarfs. Cluster tail ends; \$5.00 value \$3.98
for.

Ladies' Full Size New Shape Fur Neck Pieces, \$2.50 values \$1.98
for.

Ladies' Fine Coney Fur Scarf; cluster tail ends; a \$3 for \$1.59
for.

Linens.

Nothing more acceptable could be thought of; nicely boxed, specially low prices.

Fringed, Bleached, Damask 14c
Towels, for.
German Damask; drawn work borders; pure linen Towels, 25c 25c
and 50c values for.

Fine Pure Linen Hemstitched Table Covers, 8-4 size, worth \$1.25
\$1.75, for.

Fine Pure Linen Hemstitched Table Covers; 10-4 size, worth \$1.59
\$2.50 for.

Fringed Table Cloth, and dozen Napkins; worth \$2.50 \$1.59
set, for.

Fine Hemstitched Table Cloth, large size, and dozen Napkins; worth \$10 for... \$6.50

Bedwear is Acceptable.

Properly packed in a box the following would be a most acceptable gift.

Large Twilled Blankets, white or gray, 11-4 size; very warm, pretty colored borders; crocheted ends, 98c a \$1.50 value per pair.

72 by 90 Bleached Mohawk, 39c
50c Sheets, for.

81 by 90 Bleached Mohawk 49c
55c Sheets for.

Hemmed Bed Spreads; a beautiful Marseilles pattern; \$1.00 value, 69c
large size.

Wool Blanket, "The Woolworth" in 11-4 size, is worth \$5, fine white wool; beautiful borders; silk \$3.98
ribbon bound.

"California Blankets," "The Columbia" is a fine, soft, white wool, \$7 blanket, 11-4 size, beautiful borders for... \$4.98

Stockings.

"Properly packed for gift purposes." Ladies' Fancy Hose, the 15c kind, seamless, all sizes, only 64c
three styles, so the price is pair.

Child's Ribbed Hose; fast black Ladies' Split Sole Black Hose Ladies' Full Fashioned Seamless Black Hose; worth 15c to 25c per pair for... 12c

On center table, main aisle, the biggest Hose values you ever saw. All sizes.

Fine Fancy Hose, embroidered in steps, fancy stripes, black drop-stitch, etc.; values 50c to 75c pair. Pure Lisle and Mace Yarns. All sizes, just the kind for a dainty present.

36c Pair.

Leather Goods.

We guarantee each piece. May be exchanged after the holidays. "Properly packed."

POCKET BOOKS... 25c and 49c Values. LEATHER BELTS... On center table, WRIST BAGS... CHATELAIN BAGS... PURSES... 18c
CARD CASES...

This lot represents the balance of stock from two of the best makers in this country, there are over 18c 8,000 pieces to go Monday for... 75c to \$1.00 Leather Goods, 50c for \$1.50 to \$2.00 Leather Goods 98c for.

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